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Executive Summary

The emergence of the "764" network—a decentralized, accelerationist, and violently misanthropic online collective—represents a critical inflection point in the evolution of digital crime and child exploitation. Unlike traditional Child Sexual Abuse Material (CSAM) networks that operate clandestinely to avoid detection, 764 and its associated "Com" (Community) ecosystem actively weaponize visibility, trauma, and terror. They operate at the intersection of cybercrime, violent extremism, and sadistic abuse, creating a "hybridized harm" model that defies conventional law enforcement categorization.

This report provides an exhaustive analysis of the 764 network, drawing on intelligence regarding its origins in the "Com" subculture, its ideological roots in the Order of Nine Angles (O9A) and the Maniac Murder Cult (MKY), and its operational mechanics across platforms like Roblox, Discord, and Telegram. The analysis reveals a sophisticated "economy of abuse" where the currency is not financial, but the production of "Lorebooks"—dossiers of coerced self-harm and degradation used to enforce loyalty and elevate social status within the group.

The threat profile of 764 is severe. Designated as a "tier one" terrorist investigative matter by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and an "Ideological Violent Extremist" (IMVE) entity by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police

(RCMP), the group targets vulnerable minors—some as young as nine—grooming them into becoming perpetrators of extreme violence.¹ This report serves as a comprehensive operational guide for stakeholders to identify, interdict, and remediate the threats posed by this network.

Section I: The Genealogy of Harm – Origins, Evolution, and the "Com"

To understand the 764 network, one must first dissect the digital primordial soup from which it emerged: "The Com." This ecosystem has evolved from a loose confederation of teenage hackers into a transnational engine of violent extremism.

1.1 The Precursor: "The Com" Subculture

"The Com," short for "The Community," originated in the late 2010s as a hub for low-level cybercriminality. Initially, its primary focus was financial fraud and digital scarcity. Participants, often teenagers, congregated on messaging platforms to trade "OG" (original gangster) usernames—rare, short, or desirable handles on platforms like Instagram, Twitter, and Minecraft.⁴

The culture of The Com was defined by hyper-competitiveness and amoral hierarchy. Status was derived from technical prowess, specifically in:

- **SIM Swapping:** The theft of phone numbers to bypass two-factor authentication and steal cryptocurrency.⁴
- **Swatting:** Making false reports to law enforcement to trigger armed responses at a victim's home.⁴
- **Doxxing:** The broadcasting of private identifiable information.

As the market for stolen usernames saturated and law enforcement cracked down on financial crimes, the internal currency of The Com shifted from money to notoriety. The ability to inflict psychological damage became the new metric of power. This transition birthed the "Harm" subculture, where the objective was no longer profit, but the systemic destruction of a target's life for entertainment and status.⁶

1.2 The Genesis of 764

The specific entity known as "764" was crystallized in 2021. Its founder, Bradley Chance Cadenhead, a teenager residing in Stephenville, Texas, chose the moniker based on the area code/zip code prefix of his hometown (764xx).² This banal origin—naming a terror group after a postal code—reflects the group's grounding in juvenile delinquency which rapidly metastasized into serious organized crime.

Cadenhead, operating under aliases such as "Felix," was previously a member of the **CVLT** network, a precursor group founded in France that pioneered the tactics of coercing minors into self-harm.¹ Cadenhead spun 764 out of CVLT, initially as a Discord server intended to escalate the severity of "trolling" into criminal abuse. Under his leadership,

the group began to aggressively target minors on gaming platforms, refining the grooming scripts that would become the network’s standard operating procedure.

1.3 The Hydra Effect: Schisms and Subgroups

Following Cadenhead’s arrest and sentencing to 80 years in prison for child sexual abuse-related offenses, the network did not collapse. Instead, it fractured and expanded, exhibiting a "Hydra effect" common in decentralized terror networks. The removal of the central figurehead transformed 764 from a hierarchical group into a pervasive brand or "franchise" of hate.⁵

Currently, 764 exists as a constellation of splinter groups and affiliated cells, often referred to collectively as the "**Sex-tortion Com.**" These subgroups frequently compete for notoriety, leading to an escalation in violence as they vie to prove who is the most "extreme."

Major Subgroup	Characteristics & Origins	
CVLT	The progenitor group; founded in France. Focused on "branding" victims with cuts.	sc
764 Inferno	A core subgroup led by Varagiannis and Nepal, focused on extreme CSAM production.	

No Lives Matter (NLM)	A splinter faction that distanced itself from 764 in 2024, claiming to reject pedophilia in favor of "pure" misanthropic murder.	id
676 / 6996 / 7997	Numeric variations used to evade keyword detection and signify allegiance to specific cell leaders.	na
Harm Nation / H3ll	Groups specifically focused on the dissemination of gore and self-harm videos.	et
Spawnism	A pseudo-religious cult operating primarily on Roblox, mimicking the game <i>Forsaken</i> .	rit

The fluidity of these groups complicates interdiction; when one Discord server is banned ("nuked"), members migrate instantly to backup infrastructure maintained by other cells within the network.³

Section II: Ideological Framework – The Theology of Nihilism

While many participants in 764 are motivated by sadism or boredom ("for the lols"), the network's core leadership and

most dangerous elements adhere to a distinct, syncretic ideology that blends neo-Nazism, Satanism, and accelerationism.

2.1 The Order of Nine Angles (O9A)

The ideological backbone of 764 is derived from the **Order of Nine Angles (O9A)**, a British neo-Nazi Satanist group established in the 1970s. O9A is distinct from other far-right groups in its advocacy for "exeatic" behavior—transgressing all societal and moral taboos to achieve personal evolution and societal disruption.⁴

764 appropriates several key O9A concepts:

- **The Culling:** The belief that "weak" individuals (victims) serve as fodder for the "strong" (perpetrators). This justifies the predation on vulnerable children.
- **Insight Roles:** The practice of infiltrating society or adopting extremist personas to gain experience and sow chaos. For 764 members, committing heinous acts of abuse is reframed as a spiritual or tactical necessity.⁹
- **Aeonic Magick:** The belief in ushering in a new imperial age through the destruction of the current "Magian" (Judeo-Christian/Democratic) order.

2.2 Accelerationism and Misanthropy

The operational philosophy of 764 is **Nihilistic Accelerationism**. This worldview posits that modern society is irredeemable and must be pushed toward collapse through the deliberate fostering of chaos, violence, and social division.¹⁰

- **Misanthropy:** Unlike white supremacist groups that advocate for a specific race, 764's hatred is often generalized against all humanity. Victims are viewed as "subhuman" props for the perpetrators' amusement.
- **Anti-Society:** The group's goal is to abolish all societal standards. By coercing children into breaking the ultimate taboos—incest, bestiality, self-mutilation—they seek to degrade the social fabric itself.¹

2.3 The Maniac Murder Cult (MKY) Alliance

A critical development in the network's evolution is its alliance with the **Maniac Murder Cult (MKY/MKU)**, a Ukraine/Russia-based neo-Nazi accelerationist group.⁴

- **The Hater's Handbook:** MKY is responsible for distributing the "Hater's Handbook," a terrorist instructional manual. This document, widely shared in 764 channels, contains guides on bomb-making, conducting "ethnic cleansing," and specific instructions on **poisoning candy to target children** during holidays.¹¹
- **Cross-Pollination:** The collaboration between 764 and MKY represents a "threat nexus" where the sexual violence of 764 merges with the mass-casualty terrorism of MKY. 764 members utilize MKY propaganda videos—stylized edits of attacks on the homeless—to desensitize new recruits.⁴

2.4 "Spawnism": The Gamified Cult

On the gaming platform Roblox, 764's ideology manifests as **"Spawnism."** This pseudo-religious movement centers around a fictional deity known as "The Spawn" from the game *Forsaken*.

- **The Theology of Respawning:** Predators convince young children that they are "glitched" or "broken" and that the only way to "respawn" (ascend or be fixed) is to endure extreme pain. This gamification of self-harm leverages the child's understanding of video game mechanics (death and respawn) to coerce them into cutting themselves or performing dangerous acts in the real world.¹³
- **Ritualistic Abuse:** "Spawnism" involves in-game rituals, uniform usage, and synchronized behaviors in private servers, creating a high-control cult environment accessible to elementary school children.¹⁴

Section III: The Economy of Abuse – Modus Operandi and Tradecraft

764 operates a sophisticated "economy of abuse" where status, not money, is the primary currency. This economy is driven by the production, collection, and trading of extortion material.

3.1 The "Lorebook" as Currency

The central unit of value in the 764 network is the "**Lorebook**" (or simply "Lore"). In gaming culture, a lorebook explains the backstory of a universe. In 764, a Lorebook is a comprehensive digital dossier documenting the destruction of a specific victim.⁵

A standard Lorebook includes:

- **The Dox:** The victim's real name, address, school, parents' names, and phone numbers.
- **The "Comp" (Compromise):** Intimate images (CSAM) obtained through blackmail.
- **The Degradation:** Videos of the victim performing coerced acts (eating feces, drinking urine, cutting themselves, harming animals).
- **The Submission:** Screenshots of chat logs where the victim begs for mercy or confesses their love/fear of the perpetrator.¹

The Vaults: These Lorebooks are stored in encrypted cloud storage ("Vaults") and traded among members. A member gains "rep" (reputation) by creating the most brutal Lorebook or "breaking" a particularly difficult target. Lorebooks are weaponized to ensure silence; victims are told that if they report the abuse, their Lorebook will be "leaked" to their school, parents, and local community.⁵

3.2 The Recruitment and Radicalization Pipeline

The victimization process is highly standardized, resembling an industrial "kill chain."

Phase 1: Identification (The Hunt)

Perpetrators patrol public gaming servers on **Roblox** (e.g., "Da Hood," "Mic Up," "Vibe Station"), **Minecraft**, **Overwatch**, and **Valorant**. They utilize "OSINT" (Open Source Intelligence) tactics to identify vulnerable targets:

- **Keywords:** Bios containing phrases like "depressed," "lonely," "bored," or LGBTQ+ flags.⁹
- **Behavior:** Players who appear isolated or are being bullied by others.
- **Age:** The primary target demographic is ages 9 to 17.¹⁷

Phase 2: The Lure (Grooming)

The perpetrator initiates contact, often posing as a peer or a sympathetic listener.

- **Value Proposition:** They offer in-game currency (Robux), "protection" from other bullies, or a romantic relationship.
- **Normalization:** They slowly introduce "edgy" humor or dark topics to test the victim's boundaries.

- **Trust Building:** They may spend weeks or months playing games with the victim, building a rapport that mimics genuine friendship.¹⁶

Phase 3: Migration (The Shift)

Once trust is established, the perpetrator moves the victim away from the moderated gaming platform to a private, encrypted communication channel.

- **Primary Vector: Discord** is the most common first step. Victims are invited to private servers or Direct Messages (DMs).
- **Secondary Vectors:** For more extreme content or secure control, victims are moved to **Telegram, Signal,** or **Session.**⁴

Phase 4: Compromise (The Hook)

The perpetrator coerces the victim into providing "collateral." This is often a nude photo, a video of a minor transgression, or a secret.

- **Tactics:** "Rush" tactics ("do it now or I leave"), guilt tripping ("if you loved me you would"), or false reciprocity ("I'll send one if you send one").
- **The Trap:** Once the first image is sent, the dynamic shifts instantly from friendship to extortion.

Phase 5: Escalation (The Breaking)

The perpetrator demands increasingly extreme acts under the threat of releasing the initial compromise material.

- **Branding:** The victim is ordered to carve the perpetrator's username, "764," or specific sigils into their skin ("cut signs" or "fan signs").¹
- **Animal Abuse:** Victims are forced to torture or kill family pets on livestream.
- **Sexual Violence:** Coercion into incestuous acts or self-penetration with dangerous objects.
- **Suicide:** The ultimate "trophy" for a 764 member is inducing a victim to commit suicide on camera.³

3.3 Cyber-Kinetic Warfare: Swatting and Bricking

If a victim attempts to cut contact ("ghosting") or if the perpetrator simply wants to escalate the terror, 764 leverages the broader "Com" network to inflict real-world harm.

- **Swatting:** Perpetrators use spoofed VoIP numbers to call the victim's local police, claiming a murder or hostage situation is in progress at the victim's address. This results in a tactical police raid, risking the lives of the victim and their family.⁴
- **Doxxing-as-a-Service:** The victim's personal information is posted on "Doxbin" or similar sites, inviting harassment from the wider internet.⁶

- **Bricking/Firebombing:** In extreme cases, 764 members hire localized criminals (often other teenagers) through Telegram channels to throw bricks through windows or firebomb the victim's home. This "violence-as-a-service" model bridges the gap between digital threats and physical terrorism.⁴

Section IV: The Digital Battlefield – Platform-Specific Analysis

The 764 network is platform-agnostic but relies on specific ecosystems for different stages of its operation.

4.1 Roblox: The Recruitment Ground

Roblox is the primary "nursery" for victims due to its immense popularity among children and its user-generated content model.

- **Risk Factors:** The "Spawnism" cult operates within custom game modes.
- **Tactics:** Recruiters use "bypass" audio (audio files that evade moderation filters) to play screaming or violent sounds. They use "condo games" (sexually explicit games that are quickly banned but constantly re-uploaded) to identify children seeking adult content.¹⁶
- **Reporting:** Reporting on Roblox is often ineffective against 764 because the interactions quickly move off-platform. However, reporting specific "experiences"

(games) or users for "Child Endangerment" remains a necessary first step.²²

4.2 Discord: The Command Center

Discord serves as the operational headquarters for many 764 cells.

- **Structure:** Servers are hierarchically organized. Entry often requires a "tribute" (CSAM or a self-harm video) to verify the new member is not law enforcement and is "cool" (complicit).
- **Security:** Members use "burner" accounts and frequently delete servers ("nuking") to destroy evidence. They utilize "Invite Trackers" to vet new joins.⁴
- **Content:** Discord is used for live-streaming abuse sessions ("stages") where members watch and direct the victim's actions in real-time.¹⁸

4.3 Telegram: The Deep Archive

Telegram is the "vault" of the network. Due to its encrypted nature and historically looser moderation regarding terror content, it hosts the most extreme material.

- **Channels:** Groups like "764 Inferno" and "The Bible" (a manual on cybercrime and cult formation) are hosted here.¹⁰
- **Distribution:** This is where the heavy trading of Lorebooks and CSAM occurs, often involving large file transfers that would be flagged on Discord.

4.4 Minecraft and Steam

These platforms are secondary recruitment grounds.

- **Minecraft:** Used similarly to Roblox, with private servers serving as unmoderated spaces for grooming.
- **Steam:** Comment sections on profiles and community groups are used to spot targets and initiate contact via trade offers or game invites.⁶

Section V: Indicators and Warning Signs

Recognizing the signs of 764 involvement is critical for parents, educators, and law enforcement. The indicators are distinct from general depression or traditional bullying.

5.1 Physical Indicators of Targeting

The physical toll of 764 is often visible and specific.

Indicator	Description	
"Cut Signs" / Brands	Carvings of specific numbers (764, 676, 7997) or names (e.g., "War", "Tippy", "Rabid") on arms, legs, or torso.	de ni "c

Geometric Scars	Patterns of cuts resembling sigils, triskelions, grids, or pentagrams.	"S ca
Concealment Clothing	Wearing long sleeves, hoodies, or pants in hot weather.	fr
Hair Loss	Patches of missing hair or uneven haircuts.	in ha
Unexplained Injuries	Bruises, bite marks, or burns that do not match accidental patterns.	le liv

5.2 Digital and Linguistic Indicators

Presence of specific symbols, slang, or numeric codes in a child's digital footprint is a high-confidence indicator of involvement.

- **Numeric Codes:** 764, 676, 7997, 6996, 555, 303, 404, 8884, 2992, 545, NMK.³
- **Keywords:**
 - **"CVLT"** / **"The Com"**: Reference to the broader network.
 - **"Comp"** / **"Comped"**: Compromised (blackmailed). "I'm comped" means "I am currently being blackmailed."
 - **"TOTS"**: Topics (referring to victims/targets).
 - **"Beam"** / **"Beamed"**: To track someone's IP or location.

- **"Fan sign"**: A photo of a name carved into skin.
- **"Lore"**: Blackmail material/dossier on a person.
- **"Robux"**: Often the currency used for initial bribes.
- **Emojis**: 💎 (Blood), 💎 (Knife), 💎 (Orthodox Cross - appropriated), 💎 (Black Flag), 💎 (Chaos/O9A symbol).
- **Usernames**: Variations of "War," "Death," "Satan," "Void," or the inclusion of the zip code numbers.

5.3 Behavioral and Environmental Indicators

- **Sudden Ideological Shift**: A child suddenly expressing extreme nihilistic, misanthropic, or "Satanic" views. Talking about "the matrix," "natural order," or the "culling".¹⁸
- **Pet Avoidance/Injury**: Family pets acting fearful of the child, or unexplained injuries/death of pets. **This is a critical red flag.**¹⁸
- **Night Terrors/Insomnia**: Staying up all night on calls (monitoring demands from extortionists) or fear of sleeping due to threats of swatting.
- **Inexplicable Gifts**: Receiving Robux, Discord Nitro, expensive game skins, or physical items from "online friends" (grooming phase).¹⁷
- **Isolation**: Withdrawal from real-life friends in favor of an intense, secretive online group.
- **Swatting Threats**: Mentioning fear of police coming to the house, or actual "prank" deliveries (pizzas, packages) arriving unexpectedly (a precursor to swatting).²⁵

Section VI: Global Law Enforcement Response and Case Studies

The international law enforcement community has recognized 764 as a premier threat to child safety and national security.

6.1 The "Tier One" Designation

The FBI has classified 764 as a "tier one" terrorist investigative matter, placing it in the same priority category as major international terrorist organizations like Al-Qaeda or ISIS.¹ This designation allows for the utilization of advanced surveillance authorities, FISA warrants, and international intelligence sharing that are typically unavailable for standard cybercrime investigations.

6.2 Key Arrests and Disruptions

- **Project Safe Childhood:** A DOJ initiative that has prioritized 764 cases.
- **Operation against "764 Inferno" (2025):** The arrest of **Leonidas Varagiannis** ("War") in Greece and **Prasan Nepal** ("Trippy") in North Carolina marked a significant decapitation strike. They were charged with operating a "continuing criminal enterprise" (CCE), a statute typically reserved for drug cartels and mafia bosses, carrying a mandatory life sentence.¹⁰
 - *Significance:* These arrests proved the network's transnational leadership structure and the DOJ's willingness to use heavy-handed statutes to prosecute it.

- **Richard Densmore ("Rabid"):** A 47-year-old Michigan man sentenced to 30 years in federal prison. Densmore was instrumental in normalizing the "cut sign" culture and created networks specifically to coerce self-harm.⁷
- **Michail Chkhikvishvili ("Commander Butcher"):** The leader of the MKY alliance, indicted for soliciting hate crimes and planning a mass casualty attack in New York City involving poisoned candy. His arrest highlighted the tangible terrorism nexus of the network.¹²
- **Erik Lee Madison:** Indicted in Maryland in 2025 for sexual exploitation and cyberstalking as a member of 764.²⁷

6.3 Prosecution Challenges

Despite these successes, the network remains resilient due to several factors:

- **Minors as Perpetrators:** Many high-ranking members are themselves minors (13-17 years old). Prosecuting juveniles for "terrorism" or federal CCE charges involves complex legal hurdles and sealed proceedings.
- **Jurisdictional Arbitrage:** The network deliberately spans jurisdictions (e.g., a leader in Greece, a victim in Idaho, servers in Russia) to complicate subpoena processes.
- **The "Hydra" Structure:** The decentralized nature of 764 means that arresting a leader like "War" creates

a power vacuum that lower-level members ("lieutenants") rush to fill to gain notoriety.

Section VII: Actionable Intelligence – Protocols for Intervention

If you suspect a minor is involved with or targeted by 764, **immediate and specific action is required**. The standard advice of "turn off the computer" is dangerous; sudden disconnection can trigger the release of Lorebooks or swatting events.

7.1 Crisis Response Protocol (For Parents & Guardians)

Step 1: Secure and Preserve (Do Not Delete)

- **Do NOT delete the app or messages.** This destroys evidence critical for law enforcement.
- **Enable Airplane Mode:** Immediately disconnect the device from the internet to prevent the perpetrator from remotely wiping data or tracking the device.¹⁸
- **Documentation:** Take photos of the screen using another device. Capture usernames, distinct numeric IDs (e.g., Discord IDs), and chat logs.

Step 2: Threat Assessment & Anti-Swatting

- **Assess Immediate Danger:** If the child has fresh wounds or mentions suicide, seek emergency medical care immediately.
- **Anti-Swatting:** Call your local police department's non-emergency line. Inform the Watch Commander that your family is being targeted by an online extortion ring known for swatting. Request that a note be placed on your address in the dispatch system so that if a violent call comes in, officers are aware it is likely a hoax.²⁵

Step 3: Reporting (Who to Consult)

- **United States:**
 - **FBI:** File a report at **IC3.gov**. Call **1-800-CALL-FBI**. Explicitly reference "764 Sextortion Network" in your report.¹⁷
 - **NCMEC:** Call **1-800-THE-LOST** (1-800-843-5678) or report at (<https://www.cybertipline.org>). NCMEC is the central clearinghouse for CSAM and child exploitation reports.⁴
- **Canada:**
 - **RCMP:** Report to **Cybertip.ca**. The RCMP has a specialized unit for "Ideological Violent Extremist Networks".¹
- **International:**
 - **Europol:** Report through local national police, who will escalate to Europol's European Cybercrime Centre (EC3).

Step 4: Content Removal

- **"Take It Down":** Use the NCMEC service at takeitdown.ncmec.org. This free tool allows victims to generate a digital fingerprint (hash) of their intimate images directly on their device. This hash is shared with participating platforms (Facebook, Instagram, OnlyFans, Pornhub, etc.) to detect and block the upload of the images without the platforms ever seeing the actual photo.¹⁷

7.2 Therapeutic Considerations

Survivors of 764 have endured "military-grade" psychological warfare. They often exhibit symptoms of **Complex PTSD (C-PTSD)**.

- **De-programming:** Therapy must address the "cult" programming, including the belief that they are "permanently broken" or that the group has omnipotent power over them.
- **Stockholm Syndrome:** Victims may defend their abusers, viewing them as the only people who "understand" their darkness. This is a trauma bond that requires specialized care to break.

Section VIII: Strategic Outlook – The Future of Hybridized Harm

8.1 The AI Frontier

Intelligence indicates that 764 and similar groups are beginning to leverage Generative AI to scale their operations.

- **Deepfake Sextortion:** The use of AI to generate fake nude images of victims who refuse to send real ones. This allows the extortion cycle to begin without an initial compromise.
- **Automated Grooming:** The potential use of LLM-driven chatbots to manage the initial "lure" phase on gaming platforms, allowing a single predator to groom hundreds of victims simultaneously.

8.2 The Gamification of Terror

The trend suggests a move toward "Real World Quests." As digital desensitization peaks, the network is pushing for more physical acts of violence. The "Hater's Handbook" and the alliance with MKY point toward a future where 764 attempts to crowdsource a mass casualty event—a school shooting or bombing—conducted by a groomed minor and livestreamed for the network's entertainment.¹¹

8.3 Conclusion

The 764 network represents the darkest evolution of the social web. It is a machine that converts teenage angst, digital competency, and unchecked nihilism into a weapon of mass psychological destruction. It thrives in the blind spots of parental supervision and platform moderation. Defeating it requires more than arrests; it requires a fundamental shift in digital literacy, moving beyond "stranger danger" to an un-

derstanding of psychological manipulation and the specific, coded languages of online extremism. For the parent, the educator, and the officer, the message is clear: The threat is not just "online"; it is in the living room, disguised as a game, waiting for a click.

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